

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10587–10653*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1819–1834, and S. Res. 315–319. **Page S10635**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 668, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–90) **Page S10634**

#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Former Senator Clifford Peter Hansen:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, relative to the death of Clifford Peter Hansen, former United States Senator for the State of Wyoming. **Pages S10648–50**

**Boy Scouts of America Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 112, designating February 8, 2010, as “Boy Scouts of America Day”, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest youth scouting organization in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10650–51**

**Lights On Afterschool:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, supporting “Lights On Afterschool”, a national celebration of afterschool programs. **Page S10651**

**Women in National FFA Organization:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, commemorating 40 years of membership by women in the National FFA Organization and celebrating the achievements and contributions of female members of the National FFA Organization. **Pages S10651–52**

#### Measures Considered:

**Medicare Physicians Fairness Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula. **Pages S10613–14**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 325), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10614**

**Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation. **Page S10653**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, October 23, 2009. **Page S10653**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10653**

#### Conference Reports:

**Department of Defense Authorization Act Conference Report—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees. **Pages S10614–32**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 22, 2009, and that there be one hour for debate equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and McCain, or their designees, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report. **Page S10653**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 324), Roberto A. Lange, of South Dakota, to be